

July 1, 2005

## Questions and Answers

Topic(s) Covered: Part One: About the RFP

### **General**

1. Question: Is it possible to read previous proposals and if it is, how do we arrange to do so?

Answer: Yes, you may read previous proposals by scheduling an appointment to read them. You must request specific proposals in advance and come to GEF 1 (201 East Washington Avenue) for the appointment. Contact Mary Tremain (contact information is in the RFP) to make an appointment.

2. Question: Will the Department extend the proposal due date, in light of the short time frame.

Answer: No, the Department is not able to extend the proposal due date.

### **Section 2.3, Incentive Based Contracts**

3. Question: Can you clarify if CSJ's include or exclude CMC payments?

Answer: CSJ's do not include CMC payments.

### **Section 2.9.2, Consortia, Part One**

4. Question: If four counties would elect to form a consortium (3 having earned right of first selection, and one having not earned RFS), what would be the deadline for submitting an RFP response?

Answer: The scenario that is described would require a Proposal in response to the RFP since one of the counties did not meet Right of First Selection (RFS). The deadline for a Proposal is 4:00 PM Central Standard Time July 29, 2005.

5. Question: If three counties would elect to form a consortium (all 3 having earned RFS), what would be the deadline for submitting an RFP response?

Answer: No RFP Proposal is required. If all three counties met RFS they may request to form a consortium and submit their Plan for doing so in response to the Recontracting instructions to be issued by the Department on July 1, 2005. This Plan will be due September 15, 2005.

6. Question: If an RFP was to be submitted that includes both RFS counties and non-RFS counties, are we correctly interpreting that even if the non-RFS county would be granted to a different entity that the remaining counties are still left with RFS and that they would then be able to form a consortium with just the counties having earned RFS?

Answer: Yes, your interpretation is correct.

7. Question: If the conditions outlined in question #6 above occurred, and the non-RFS counties were granted to another entity, could the remaining RFS counties also choose to run their programs independently (i.e. not a part of a consortium)?

Answer: Yes, the RFS counties can choose to run the programs independently; however the Department strongly encourages the formation of consortia.

8. Question: Is it permissible for a RFS county to submit both an independent plan (September 15th due date) and a consortium plan (due date still unclear until questions above are answered)?

Answer: Yes, a RFS county may submit an independent plan to administer W-2 programs and form a consortium with other W-2 agencies within their WDA at any time during the 2006-09 W-2 contract period. However, the Department strongly encourages the formation of a consortium. Plans for all RFS counties (either independently or as a consortium) are due on September 15, 2005.

9. Question: Is DWD expecting existing Consortia to complete form 1B (request for Consortium formation)?

Answer: If two or more geographic areas plan to form a consortium in response to the RFP, Form 1B must be completed.